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SUBJ: BRAZILIAN NUCLEAR DEBATE -- REACTION TO STATEMENT BY VENE-  
ZUELA'S PRESIDENT

REFS: (A) BRASILIA 0691 (B) BRASILIA 1345

1. FOLHA DE SAO PAULO REPORTED ON MARCH 15 THAT FONMIN  
SILVEIRA, IN REACTION TO PRESIDENT CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ'S  
STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FOR PRESIDENT CARTER'S HUMAN RIGHTS  
AND NONPROLIFERATION INITIATIVES (SEPTTEL), HAS DECIDED  
TO POSTPONE INDEFINITELY (SINE DIE) HIS VISIT TO CARACAS,  
SCHEDULED FOR MAY. THE FOLHA STORY, APPARENTLY BACK-  
GROUNDED BY GOB SOURCES, SAID THE GOB AND THE FOREIGN  
MINISTRY HAD REACTED WITH "PROFOUND IRRITATION" TO  
ANDRES PEREZ'S STATEMENT. PEREZ'S REFERENCE TO HUMAN RIGHTS  
AND HIS SUGGESTION FOR UN MECHANISMS TO INVESTIGATE SUPPOSED  
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RIGHTS VIOLATIONS, ACCORDING TO THE STORY, IS THE "PRINCIPAL  
POINT OF DISACCORD, AND IS WHAT MOTIVATED THE PROFOUND  
IRRITATION" IN DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES.

2. THE STORY SAID BRAZIL MIGHT PRESENT A NOTE OF PROTEST  
TO THE GOV AGAINST ITS INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL BRAZILIAN  
SUBJECTS. SUCH A STEP ACCORDING TO THE STORY, WOULD REDUCE

BILATERAL RELATIONS TO THEIR LOWEST LEVEL SINCE THE GOV'S PROTEST IN 1972, WHEN THEN PRESIDENT NIXON COMMENTED THAT, "AS BRAZIL GOES, SO GOES LATIN AMERICA."

3. "BRAZILIAN DIPLOMATS," THE STORY SAID, UNDERSTAND THE CONCERN OF THE VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT, PRESUMING THAT HE IS MOTIVATED BY VENEZUELA'S "SCANT DEVELOPMENT" IN THE NUCLEAR FIELD.

4. COMMENT: GOV-GOB RELATIONS HAVE BEEN MERCURIAL, AS REFTELS INDICATE, BUT BOTH SIDES HAD SEEMED READY TO PUT ASIDE THEIR DIFFERENCES AND TO SEEK SUBSTANTIVE AGREEMENTS THAT COULD BE SIGNED DURING THE FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING. PEREZ LETTER TO GEISEL (REF B) HAD LED TO SPECULATION THAT TWO PRESIDENTS MIGHT EVEN MEET AT FRONTIER. WE SUSPECT GOB WILLINGNESS TO DELAY VISIT BY SILVEIRA "SINCE DIE" IS ALSO AN INDICATION THAT SUBSTANTIVE PROGRESS WAS NOT GREAT ON BILATERAL ISSUES. END COMMENT.  
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